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(Use special answer sheet for marking your answers)

MINNESOTA PERSONALITY SCALE  
(For Men)

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**Explanation:** The following pages contain a number of statements about which there is no general agreement. People differ in the way they feel about the statements, and there are no right or wrong answers. We are trying to study certain aspects of personality that are important in your adjustment to school and to life. You can help us by answering each question honestly and thoughtfully. Happiness and satisfying achievement are definitely related to your personal adjustments; therefore, any effort to study this aspect of your life is worth your cooperation.

**Directions:** Read each statement carefully and on the Special Answer Sheet mark the one alternative which best expresses your feeling about the statement. Whenever possible, let your own personal experience determine your answer. Do not spend too much time on any item. If in doubt, select the one phrase which seems most nearly to express your present feeling about the statement. Put your answers on the answer sheet by blackening the space between the pair of dotted lines under the letter which represents your answer. Try the samples below and put your answers on the answer sheet in the box marked SAMPLES.

**Samples:** Some statements are like the following:

(a) City streets should permit one way traffic only.

You are to choose one of the following alternatives to indicate your answer:

(SA) Strongly Agree (A) Agree (U) Undecided (D) Disagree (SD) Strongly Disagree

Above the pairs of dotted lines on the answer sheet are the initial letters of the above alternates to help you mark your answer in the correct space. Now try sample (b) and mark your answer in the same way.

(b) Local and national elections should not be held at the same time.

Some statements are like the following:

(c) Do you study for examinations with a group of fellow students?

Your answer to these questions is to be chosen from one of these alternatives.

(AA) Almost Always (F) Frequently (O) Occasionally (R) Rarely (AN) Almost Never

(d) Do you go to the school's important football games?

On the answer sheet, each Part of the Scale will have the alternative answers printed in full at the top of the columns. The initial letters of the alternatives will appear above the pairs of dotted lines to help you locate the pair of dotted lines in which to mark your answer for each item.

**Be sure the Item Number on the Answer Sheet Corresponds with the Item Number in the Booklet.**

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**PART I**

Work rapidly. Be sure to answer every item by choosing one of the following alternatives.

(SA) Strongly Agree  
(A) Agree  
(U) Undecided  
(D) Disagree  
(SD) Strongly Disagree

1. Almost anything can be fixed up in the courts if you have enough money.
2. The joys of family life are much overrated.
3. Life is just a series of disappointments.
4. No one cares much what happens to you.
5. On the whole, policemen are honest.
6. Education helps a person to use his leisure time to better advantage.
7. The young man of today can expect much of the future.
8. There is little chance for advancement in industry and business unless a man has an unfair pull.
9. A high school education is worth all the time and effort it requires.
10. The day is not long enough to do one's work well and have any time for fun.
11. A high school education makes a man a better citizen.
12. Education is of no help in getting a job today.
13. Laws are so often made for the benefit of small selfish groups that a man cannot respect the law.
14. School training is of little help in meeting the problems of real life.
15. The future looks very black.
16. Life is just one worry after another.
17. A man can learn more by working four years than by going to high school.
18. On the whole, lawyers are honest.
19. One's parents usually treat him fairly and sensibly.
20. So many people do things well that it is easy to become discouraged.
21. Court decisions are almost always just.
22. It is difficult to think clearly these days.
23. On the whole, judges are honest.
24. There are too many fads and frills in modern education.
25. The law protects property rights at the expense of human rights.
26. Any man with ability and willingness to work hard has a good chance of being successful.
27. The sentences of judges in courts are determined by their prejudices.
28. Education only makes a person discontented.
29. These days one is inclined to give up hope of amounting to something.
30. There is really no point in living.

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31. Education is more valuable than most people think.
32. It is all right for a person to break the law if he doesn't get caught.
33. A hungry man has a right to steal.
34. Only subjects like reading, writing and arithmetic should be taught at public expense.
35. Success is more dependent on luck than on real ability.
36. Savings spent on education are wisely invested.
37. An educated man can advance more rapidly in business and industry.
38. A person who reports minor law violations is only a trouble maker.
39. A good education is a great comfort to a man out of work.
40. Violators of the law are nearly always detected and punished.

(Skip numbers 41 to 44 on the answer sheet)

## PART II

Work rapidly. Be sure to answer every item by choosing one of the following alternatives.

(AA)	Almost Always
(F)	Frequently
(O)	Occasionally
(R)	Rarely
(AN)	Almost Never

Begin with No. 45 on the answer sheet.

45. Are you eager to make new friends?
46. Do you enjoy entertaining people?
47. Do you find it easy to keep up your courage?
48. Do you have a fairly good time at parties?
49. Do you dislike social affairs?
50. Do you feel self-conscious with strangers?
51. Do you find it easy to make friendly contacts with members of the opposite sex?
52. Do you stay in the background at parties or social gatherings?
53. Are you able to recover quickly from social blunders?
54. Do you like to mix with people socially?
55. Do you like to meet new people?
56. Do you participate easily in ordinary conversation?
57. Do you enjoy speaking before groups of people?
58. Do you feel self-conscious when volunteering to take part in games or other organized activities?
59. Do you take an active part in the entertainment at parties?

Do not stop. Go on to the next page.

60. At an important dinner, would you do without something rather than ask to have it passed?
61. Do you cross the street to avoid meeting people you know?
62. Do you feel self-conscious when reciting in class?
63. Do you feel at ease with people?
64. Do you meet strangers easily?
65. Do you avoid people when it is possible?
66. Do you lose self-confidence easily?
67. Do you seek to meet the important person present at a reception or tea?
68. Are you embarrassed because of lack of experience in social situations?
69. Do you hesitate to enter a room by yourself when a group of people are sitting around the room talking together?
70. Do you have difficulty in talking to most people?
71. Do you have the time of your life at social affairs?
72. Do you get along as well as the average person in social activities?
73. Are you well poised in social contacts?
74. If a party is dull, do you take the lead in enlivening it?
75. Do you find it easy to express your ideas?
76. Do you have difficulty saying the right thing at the right time?
77. Are you rather shy in contacts with people?
78. Do you become self-conscious readily?
79. Do you find it easy to act naturally at a party?
80. Are you indifferent to ordinary social contacts?
81. Do you have difficulty in starting a conversation with a person who has just been introduced?
82. Do you enjoy trying to persuade people to do things?
83. Do you feel embarrassed when entering a public assembly after everyone else has been seated?
84. Do you like to know a great many people intimately?
85. Do you engage fellow travelers in conversation when riding on a train or bus?
86. Would you feel very self-conscious if you had to volunteer an idea to start a discussion among a group of people?
87. Have you been responsible for making plans and directing the actions of other people?
88. Do you prefer to participate in activities leading to friendships with many people?
89. Do you like to take the initiative in making friends?
90. Would you prefer to stand or leave rather than take a front seat if you come late to a meeting?
91. Do you feel very conspicuous in a group of people?
92. Do you find it hard to do your best when people are watching?
93. Do you have much difficulty in thinking of an appropriate remark to make in group conversation?
94. Are you at ease with older people?

Do not stop. Go on to the next page.

95. Are you upset when a teacher calls on you unexpectedly?
96. Are you indifferent to people?
97. Do you like to participate in many social activities?
98. Do you find it difficult to start a conversation with a stranger?
99. Do you hesitate to volunteer in class recitation?
100. Do you feel embarrassed to ask permission to leave a group of people?
101. Do you find it easy to get along with people?
102. You may know the answer to a question, but do you fail when called upon because of fear of speaking before the class?
103. Do you feel you must have many social contacts to be happy?
104. Are you embarrassed when meeting new people?
105. Do you find it very difficult to speak in public?

### PART III

Work rapidly. Be sure to answer every item by choosing one of the following alternatives.

(AA) Almost Always  
(F) Frequently  
(O) Occasionally  
(R) Rarely  
(AN) Almost Never

Begin with No. 106 on the answer sheet.

106. Are the members of your family too curious about your personal affairs?
107. Is it hard for you to keep a pleasant disposition at home?
108. Do you become nervous at home?
109. Can you trust the people in your family?
110. Is your home a very pleasant place?
111. Do you and your parents live in different worlds, so far as ideas are concerned?
112. Do you feel most contented at home?
113. Do your parents too often expect you to obey them, now that you are grown up?
114. Would your parents keep faith in you even though you could not find work?
115. Does either of your parents criticize you unjustly?
116. Was your father your ideal of manhood?
117. Have you felt that either of your parents did not understand you?
118. Does either of your parents find fault with your conduct?
119. Is either of your parents easily irritated?
120. Have you had to keep quiet or leave the house to have peace at home?

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121. Has either of your parents certain personal habits which irritate you?
122. Have you felt that your friends have had happier home lives than you?
123. Do you feel that your family obligations are a great handicap?
124. Have your parents been unduly strict with you?
125. Have there been family quarrels among your near relatives?
126. Have you disagreed with your parents about your choice of a life work?
127. Do your parents seem too old-fashioned in their ideas?
128. Do your parents expect too much from you?
129. Do you find less understanding at home than elsewhere?
130. Have you disagreed with your parents about the way in which work around the house should be done?
131. Does either of your parents get angry easily?
132. Do your parents fail to recognize that you are a mature person and treat you as if you were still a child?
133. Has either of your parents insisted on obedience regardless of whether or not the request was reasonable?
134. Have you had a strong desire to run away from home?
135. Have your parents objected to the kind of companions you go around with?

(Skip numbers 136 to 141 on the answer sheet)

#### PART IV

Work rapidly. Be sure to answer every item by choosing one of the following alternatives.

- (AA) Almost Always
- (F) Frequently
- (O) Occasionally
- (R) Rarely
- (AN) Almost Never

Begin with No. 142 on the answer sheet.

142. Does criticism disturb you greatly?
143. Are your feelings easily hurt?
144. Do things go wrong for you from no fault of your own?
145. Are you sorry for the things you do?
146. Do you feel just miserable?
147. Are you troubled with the idea that people are watching you on the street?
148. Do ideas run through your head so that you can not sleep?
149. Do you feel self-conscious because of your personal appearance?
150. Are your eyes very sensitive to light?

Do not stop. Go on to the next page.

151. Do you have ups and downs in mood without apparent cause?
152. Do you get discouraged easily?
153. Do you consider yourself a rather nervous person?
154. Do you worry too long over humiliating experiences?
155. Do you feel fatigued when you get up in the morning?
156. Do you have spells of the "blues"?
157. Have you been depressed because of low marks in school?
158. Do you have skin diseases or skin eruptions, such as athlete's foot, carbuncles or boils?
159. Do your teeth seem to need dental attention?
160. Do you worry over possible misfortunes?
161. Do you daydream?
162. Are you troubled with feelings of inferiority?
163. Do you feel very tired towards the end of the day?
164. Do you envy the happiness that others seem to enjoy?
165. Do you come to your meals without being really hungry?
166. Do you get upset easily?
167. Do you feel lonesome, even when you are with people?
168. Do you get excited easily?
169. Do you have difficulty getting to sleep even when there are no noises to disturb you?
170. Do you feel that your parents are disappointed in you?
171. Do you take cold rather easily from other people?
172. Do you find it necessary to watch your health carefully?
173. Do you have difficulty in getting rid of a cold?
174. Do you have colds?
175. Are you subject to eye strain?
176. Does some particular useless thought keep coming into your mind to bother you?

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Do not stop. Go on to the next page.

**PART V**

Work rapidly. Be sure to answer every item by choosing one of the following alternatives.

- (SA) Strongly Agree
- (A) Agree
- (U) Undecided
- (D) Disagree
- (SD) Strongly Disagree

Begin with No. 186 on the answer sheet.

186. If our economic system were just, there would be much less crime.
187. Laborers in mass production industries should stay out of the C.I.O.
188. On the whole our economic system is just and wise.
189. People should not patronize stores that are being picketed by labor unions.
190. Municipal power plants should be built to compete with private utilities.
191. When property damage and personal violence accompany labor strikes, citizens should help the employers and public officials maintain law and order.
192. The amount of profit which a business can make should be regulated by the government.
193. A man should be allowed to keep as large an income as he can get.
194. Selling guns and tear gas to factories and industrial plants is a dishonorable job.
195. A man should strike in order to secure greater returns to labor.
196. Poverty is chiefly a result of injustice in the distribution of wealth.
197. Private ownership of property is necessary for economic progress.
198. Pickets arrested for blocking the entrance to a factory should be fined heavily.
199. School teachers who openly approve of labor unions and socialistic ideas should be dismissed.
200. Large incomes should be taxed much more than they are now.
201. The philanthropy of rich men more than compensates for the irregular practices they may have used to acquire their wealth.
202. Private doctors should encourage trends towards socialized medicine.
203. Money should be taken from the rich and given to the poor during hard times.
204. Cooperative housing plans should be encouraged.
205. Labor should have much more voice in deciding government policies.
206. The government ought to guarantee a living to those who can't find work.
207. Men would not do their best, if government owned all industry.
208. Sit-down strikes should not be tolerated.
209. Labor does not get its fair share of what it produces.
210. When a rich man dies, most of his property should go to the state.
211. The government should take over all large industries.
212. Student clubs to discuss communism should not be allowed in universities.
213. The government should not attempt to limit profits.
214. The growth of consumer cooperatives should be stopped.
215. Our economic system is criticized too much.
216. Income taxes in the higher income brackets should be raised.
217. Without sweeping changes in our economic system, little progress can be made in the solution of social problems.
218. Most great fortunes are made honestly.